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U.S. Congressional delegation to visit Azerbaijan

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A U.S. Congressional delegation will be in Baku October 12-13. Delegation members include Representative Darrell Issa, Republican of California, and Representative Loretta Sanchez, Democrat of California. The purpose of the visit is to meet with high-level government officials, political leaders and energy representatives and to gain a better understanding of the pre-election situation in Azerbaijan. On Thursday, October 13th, there will be a short press conference at 3:15 pm at the Park Hyatt Hotel, Amirov Room. Journalists wishing to attend should contact the Embassy's press office at 498 -0335/36.